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Jedi Porter Engle, master of the lightsaber, earning him the label of THE BLADE OF BARDOTTA, and his sister, Barash, are tasked with breaking a siege between factions and ending a conflict in the Tammuz Sector.

But not all is as it seems on Gansevor, the planet of knives....

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The Outer Rim,
Tammuz Sector.

Horatio,
Capital City of the
planet Gansevor.

THE JEDI
HAVE COME! WE
ARE *SAVED*!

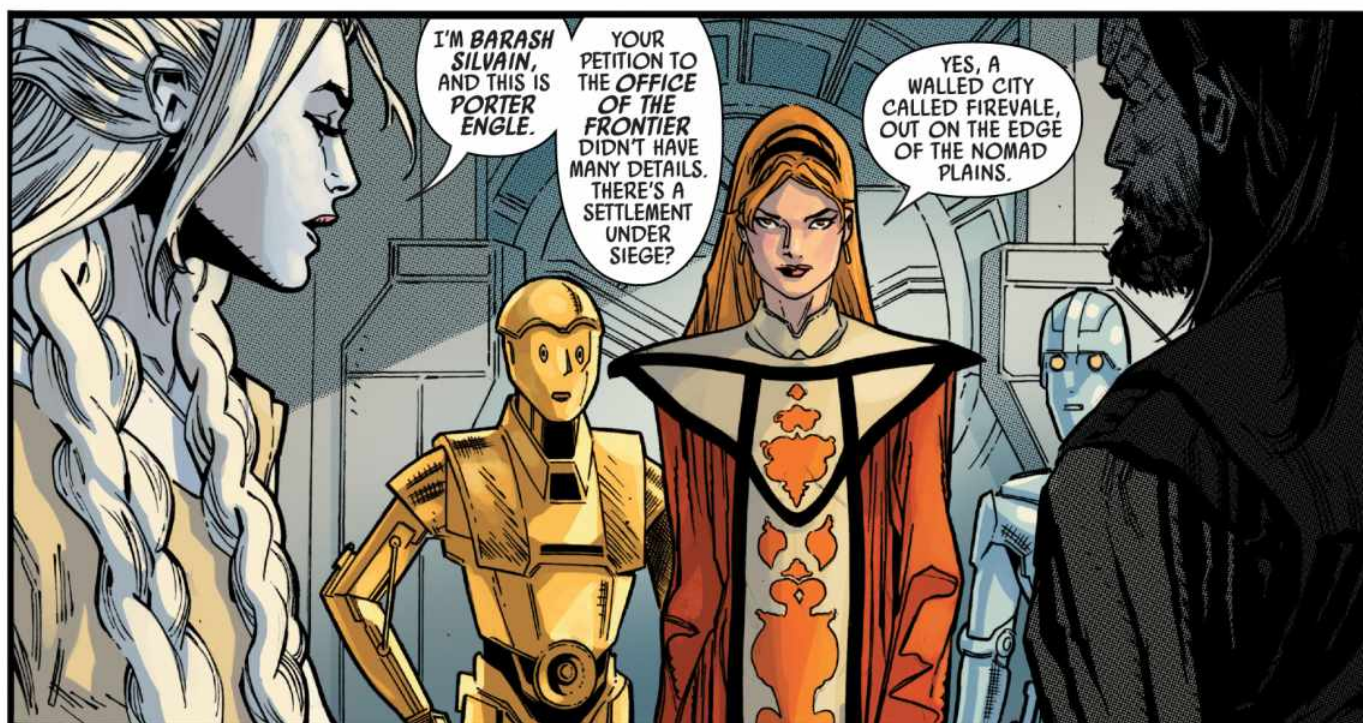
I AM
ENVOY SELEN.
THANK YOU SO MUCH
FOR ANSWERING MY
CALL FOR AID.

WELCOME
TO GANSEVOR,
THE *PLANET OF
KNIVES*.

NAMED
FOR THE
MOUNTAINS,
I HOPE.

OF COURSE,
MASTER JEDI.

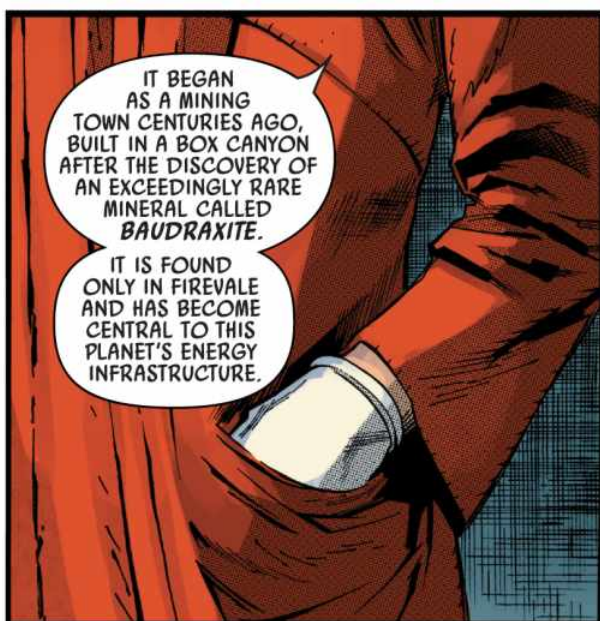
WHAT
OTHER REASON
WOULD THERE
BE?



I'M **BARASH SILVAIN**, AND THIS IS **PORTER ENGLE**.

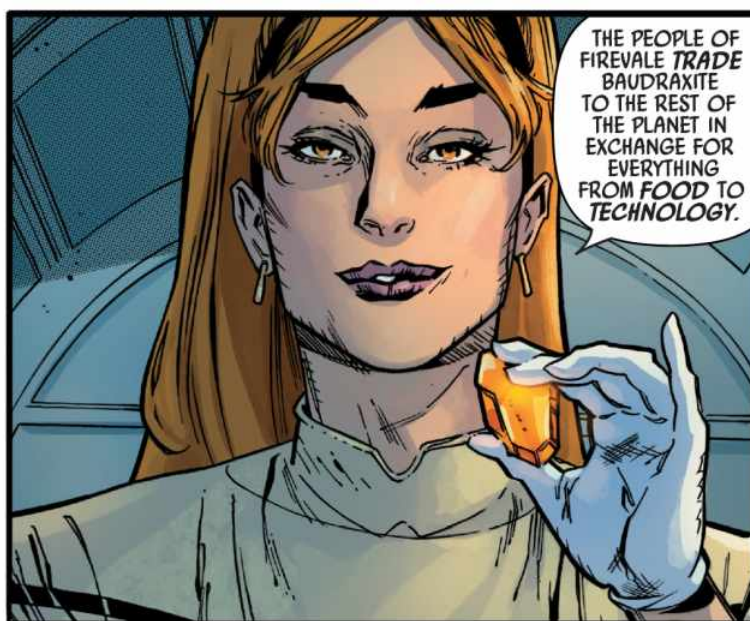
YOUR PETITION TO THE **OFFICE OF THE FRONTIER** DIDN'T HAVE MANY DETAILS. THERE'S A SETTLEMENT UNDER SIEGE?

YES, A WALLED CITY CALLED **FIREVALE**, OUT ON THE EDGE OF THE **NOMAD PLAINS**.



IT BEGAN AS A MINING TOWN CENTURIES AGO, BUILT IN A BOX CANYON AFTER THE DISCOVERY OF AN EXCEEDINGLY RARE MINERAL CALLED **BAUDRAXITE**.

IT IS FOUND ONLY IN **FIREVALE** AND HAS BECOME CENTRAL TO THIS PLANET'S ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE.



THE PEOPLE OF **FIREVALE** **TRADE** **BAUDRAXITE** TO THE REST OF THE PLANET IN EXCHANGE FOR EVERYTHING FROM **FOOD** TO **TECHNOLOGY**.



SOME MONTHS AGO, AN ARMY FROM A RIVAL LAND CALLED **BETHUNE** LAID SIEGE TO **FIREVALE**.

THEY BLOCKED ITS COMMUNICATIONS AND HAVE ALLOWED NO TRAFFIC IN OR OUT. THEY WILL NOT EXPLAIN THEIR REASON FOR DOING THIS.



I AM **FIREVALE**'S ENVOY TO THE PLANET'S CENTRAL GOVERNMENT HERE IN **HORATIO**--BUT IT IS ONLY AN ADMINISTRATIVE BUREAUCRACY. IT HAS NO MILITARY AUTHORITY.

CITY-STATES ON THIS WORLD ARE EXPECTED TO SOLVE THEIR OWN DISPUTES.

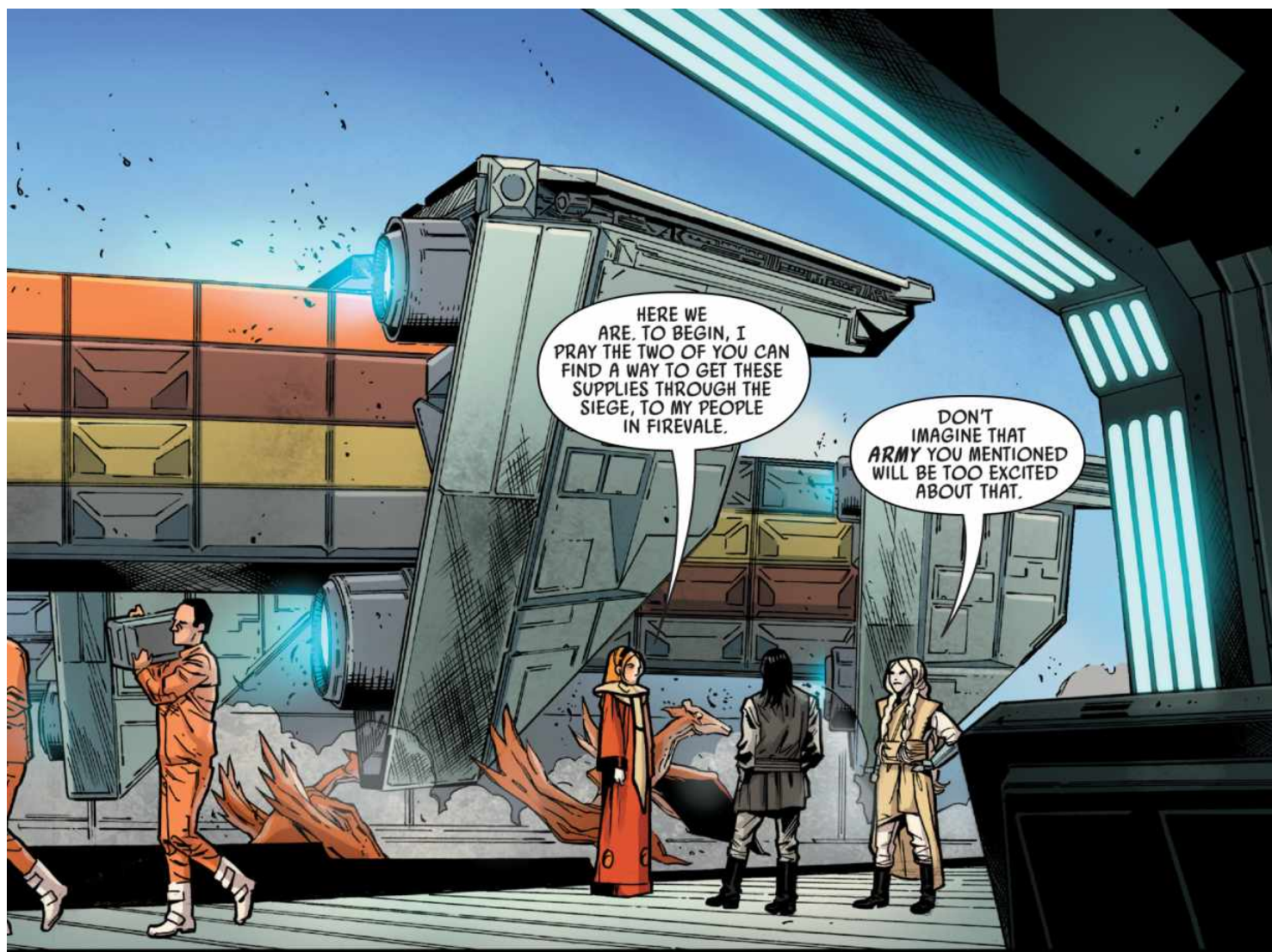
AND SO...I HAVE REACHED OUT TO THOSE I KNEW WOULD HELP--THE **JEDI**.

RIGHT... AND WHAT, EXACTLY, DO YOU EXPECT US TO DO?



AS I SAID... I EXPECT YOU TO **HELP**.

COME WITH ME. I'LL SHOW YOU WHAT I HAD IN MIND.



HERE WE ARE. TO BEGIN, I PRAY THE TWO OF YOU CAN FIND A WAY TO GET THESE SUPPLIES THROUGH THE SIEGE, TO MY PEOPLE IN FIREVALE.

DON'T IMAGINE THAT ARMY YOU MENTIONED WILL BE TOO EXCITED ABOUT THAT.



UNDOUBTEDLY NOT. BUT THE JEDI ARE RENOWNED NEGOTIATORS, TO SAY NOTHING OF YOUR **STRANGE MAGIC**.

I AM SURE YOU WILL FIND A WAY.

MM. AND IF WE LOOKED THROUGH ALL THIS, ALL WE'D FIND IS **FOOD**, RIGHT? NO WEAPONS, NOTHING LIKE THAT?

WE JEDI ARE PRETTY FAMOUSLY ABOUT **SAVING** LIVES, NOT HELPING OTHER PEOPLE **END** THEM.

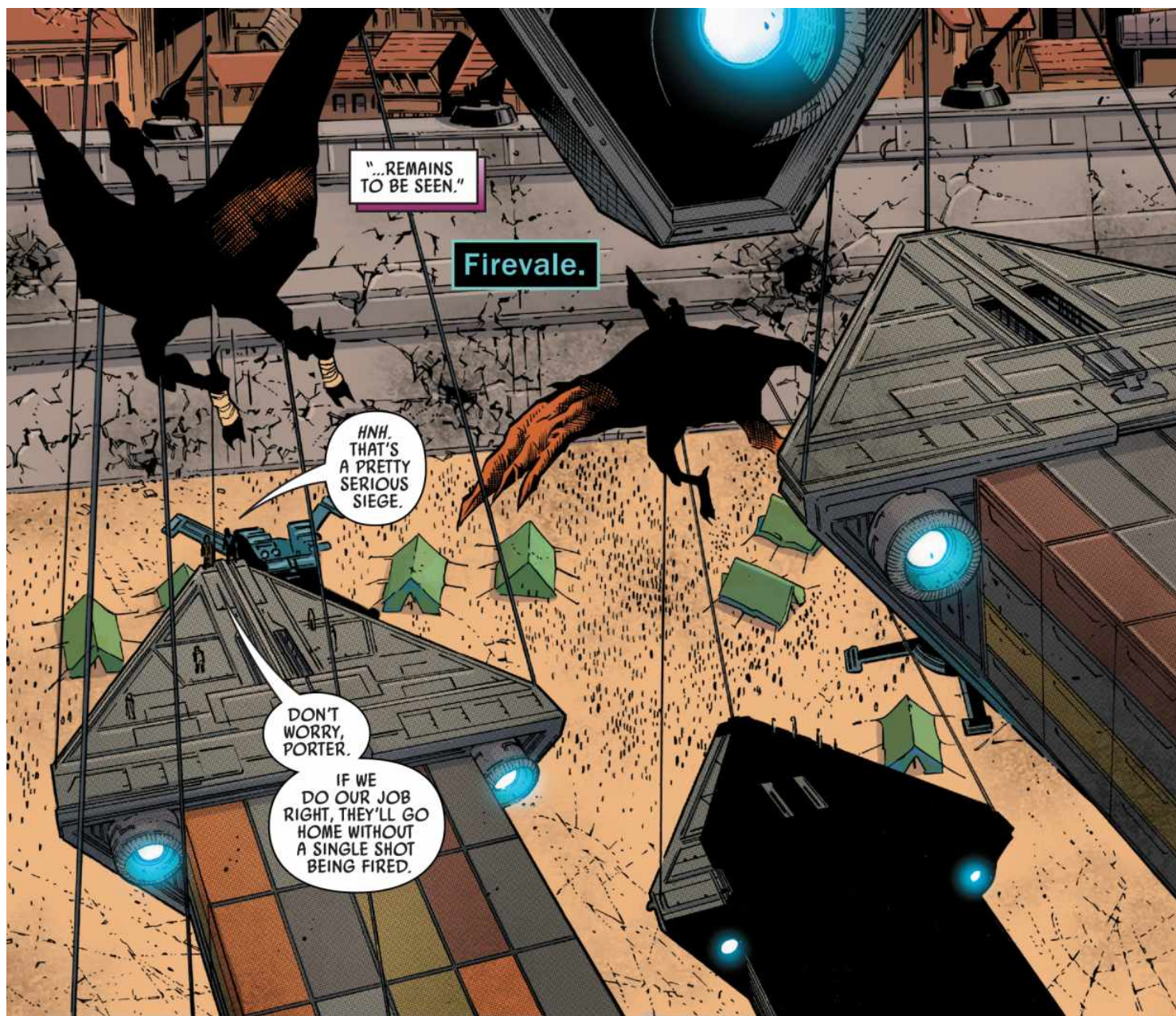


ON MY HONOR, YOU WOULD FIND ONLY **FOOD**, MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND OTHER ESSENTIALS.

THE GOAL IS TO BRING THIS TO A PEACEFUL CONCLUSION, NOTHING MORE.

AT THIS POINT, WE STILL DO NOT KNOW WHAT **"THIS"** ACTUALLY IS, ENVOY SELEEN.

WE WILL ESCORT YOUR CONVOY, BUT UNTIL WE LEARN MORE,





WE
HAVE TO
GET THEM
ALL.

ALL OF
THEM?

EVERY
LAST ONE,
BARASH!



AND...



...NOW!

NNNNGH!

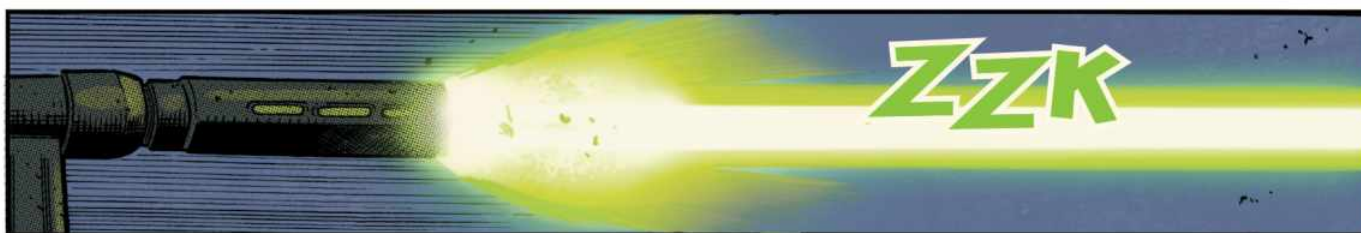


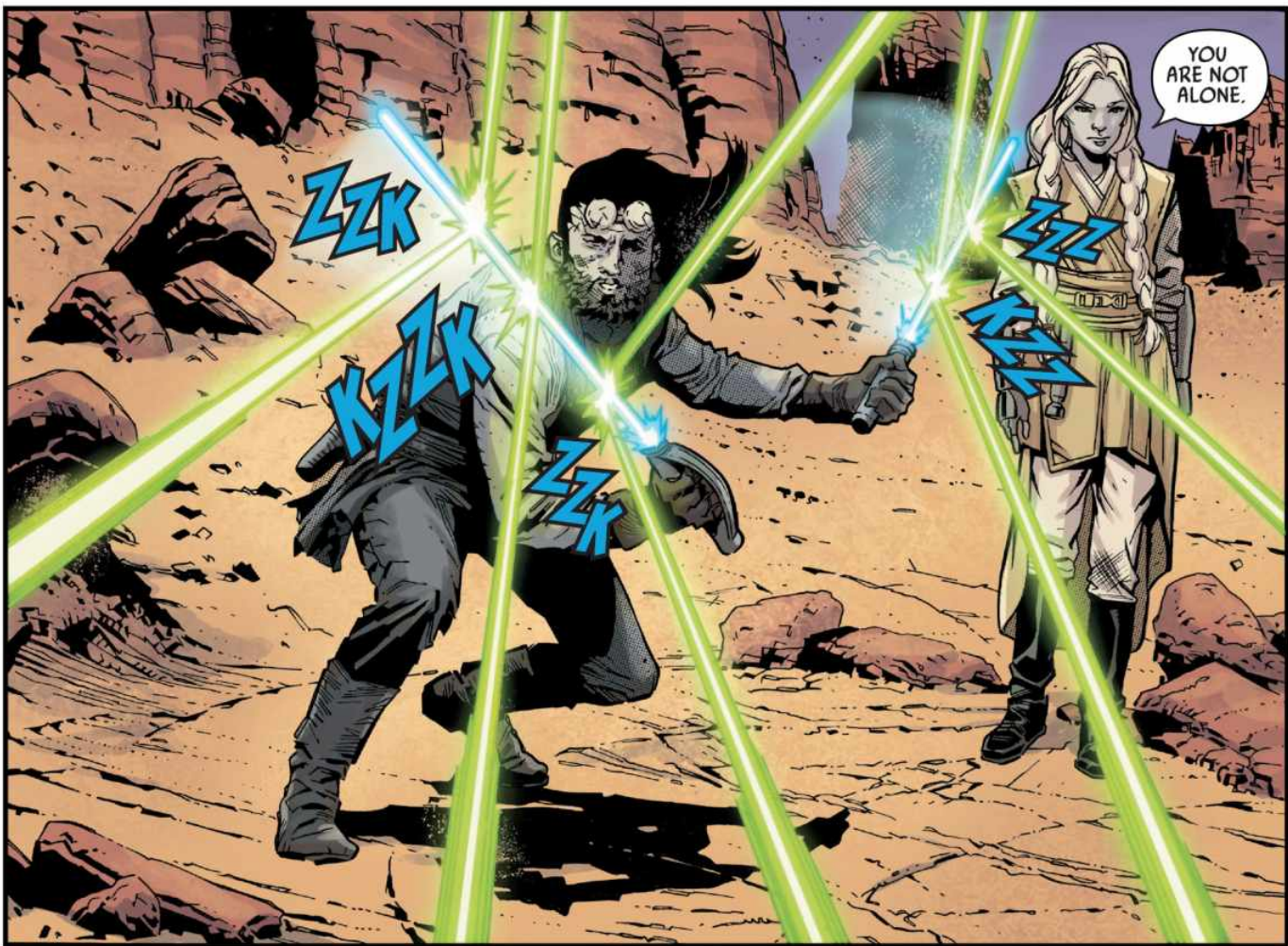
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PULL
BACK OUT OF
THEIR RANGE
AND TAKE US
DOWN!

YES,
MA'AM!





YOU ARE NOT ALONE.



IT'S A JEDI. NOT GOOD.

THEY CAN DIE. I'VE HEARD THEY CAN DIE.



THE FORCE IS ALWAYS WITH YOU.

I AM NOT ALONE.



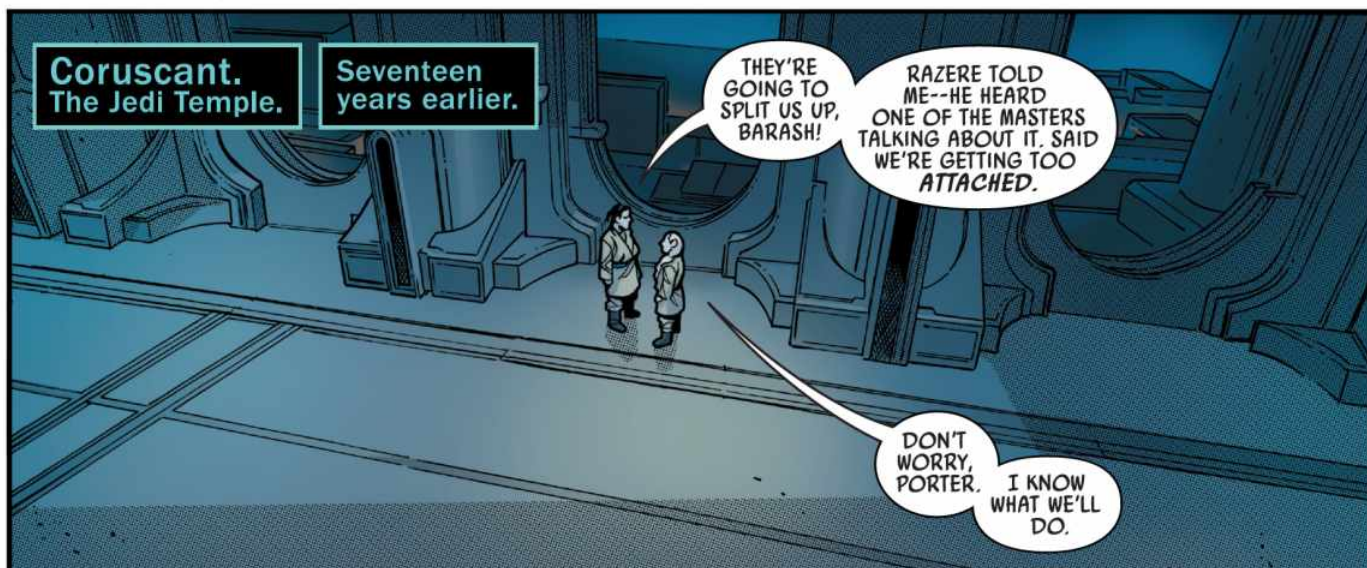
THROUGH THE FORCE,



THERE IS NOTHING YOU CANNOT DO.







Coruscant.
The Jedi Temple.

Seventeen
years earlier.

THEY'RE
GOING TO
SPLIT US UP,
BARASH!

RAZERE TOLD
ME--HE HEARD
ONE OF THE MASTERS
TALKING ABOUT IT. SAID
WE'RE GETTING TOO
ATTACHED.

DON'T
WORRY,
PORTER.

I KNOW
WHAT WE'LL
DO.



WE'RE JUST
PADAWANS. IF THE
MASTERS WANT TO
SEPARATE US, SEND
US AWAY FROM THE
TEMPLE ON MISSIONS
WHERE WE CAN'T BE
TOGETHER,
WELL...

...UNLESS
WE WANT TO
**QUIT THE JEDI
ORDER**, THERE'S
NOT A LOT WE
CAN DO.



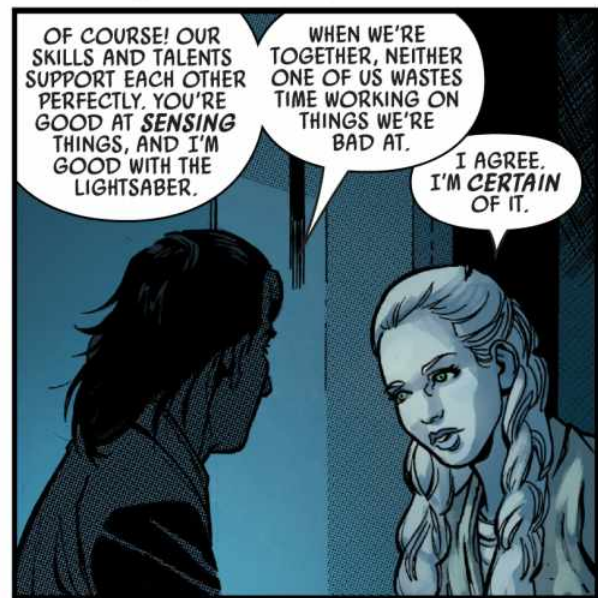
NO WAY!
I LOVE BEING
A JEDI!! IT'S WHO
I AM. WHO I
ALWAYS WANT
TO BE.

SAME
HERE. SO--WE'LL
HAVE TO DO
SOMETHING
ELSE.

WE'LL
SHOW THEM THAT
WHEN WE'RE NOT
TOGETHER...



...WE'RE
NOT VERY
GOOD
JEDI.





I AM **BARASH**. THIS IS **PORTER**. WE ARE MEMBERS OF THE JEDI ORDER, CALLED HERE VIA THE OFFICE OF THE FRONTIER TO ASSIST WITH THE RESOLUTION OF A DISPUTE.

I SEE. I AM FIELD MARSHAL **TOZEN**, OF THE PRINCIPALITY OF **BETHUNE**.

LET ME SEE IF I HAVE THIS CORRECT.

THE REPUBLIC BRINGS THIS WORLD IN, TAXES US FOR THE PRIVILEGE, YET DRAGS ITS HEELS ON ITS PROMISES.

GANSEVOR STILL REMAINS UNCONNECTED TO THE GALACTIC COMMUNICATION NETWORK.

THE TRADE ROUTES PASS US BY. WE REMAIN ENTIRELY DEPENDENT ON OUR OWN RESOURCES.



BUT WHEN WORD REACHES THE CHANCELLORS OF A LOCAL DISPUTE, A MATTER THAT CONCERNS ONLY US AND **OUR PEOPLE**...

...TWO JEDI APPEAR IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE TO, WHAT... **CORRECT US?**

IT'S DEEPLY OFFENSIVE.

THE REPUBLIC DID NOT SEND US HERE. WE CAME AT THE REQUEST OF SOMEONE FROM **YOUR PLANET**, CONCERNED ABOUT THE CITY YOU HAVE BESIEGED.



ALSO, YOU KNOW WHAT I FOUND OFFENSIVE?

THE TIME YOU TRIED TO BLOW UP THE **UNARMED SUPPLY CONVOY** I WAS STANDING ON.

ALSO WASN'T TOO THRILLED WITH ALL THOSE TIMES YOUR PEOPLE **SHOT AT US**.



YOU APPROACHED A **MILITARY ENCAMPMENT** WITHOUT IDENTIFYING YOURSELF, JEDI.

WHAT REACTION DID YOU EXPECT?





COMPLICATED.

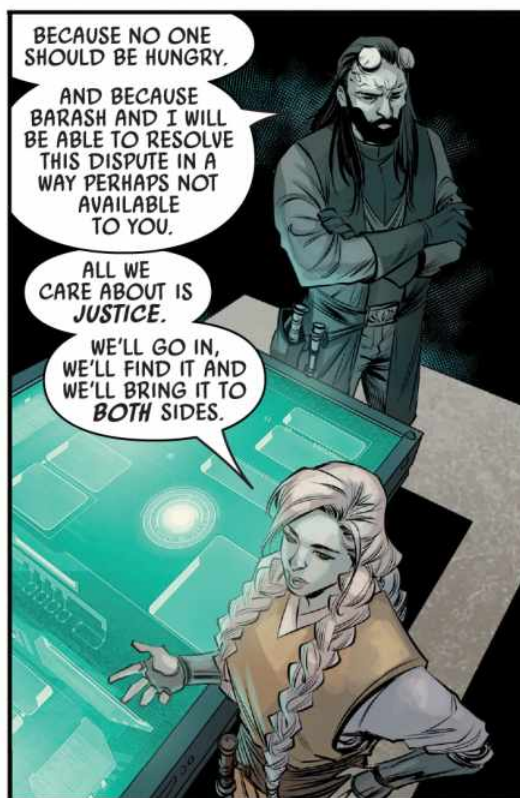
ONLY FROM A CERTAIN POINT OF VIEW.



FIELD MARSHAL TOZEN, IF YOU'RE WILLING, WE WOULD APPRECIATE A MORE DETAILED BRIEFING ON THE EVENTS HERE AS YOU SEE THEM.

THEN WE WILL TAKE THE SUPPLIES WE BROUGHT AND ENTER FIREVALE.

ARE YOU *INSANE*? WHY WOULD I ALLOW THAT?

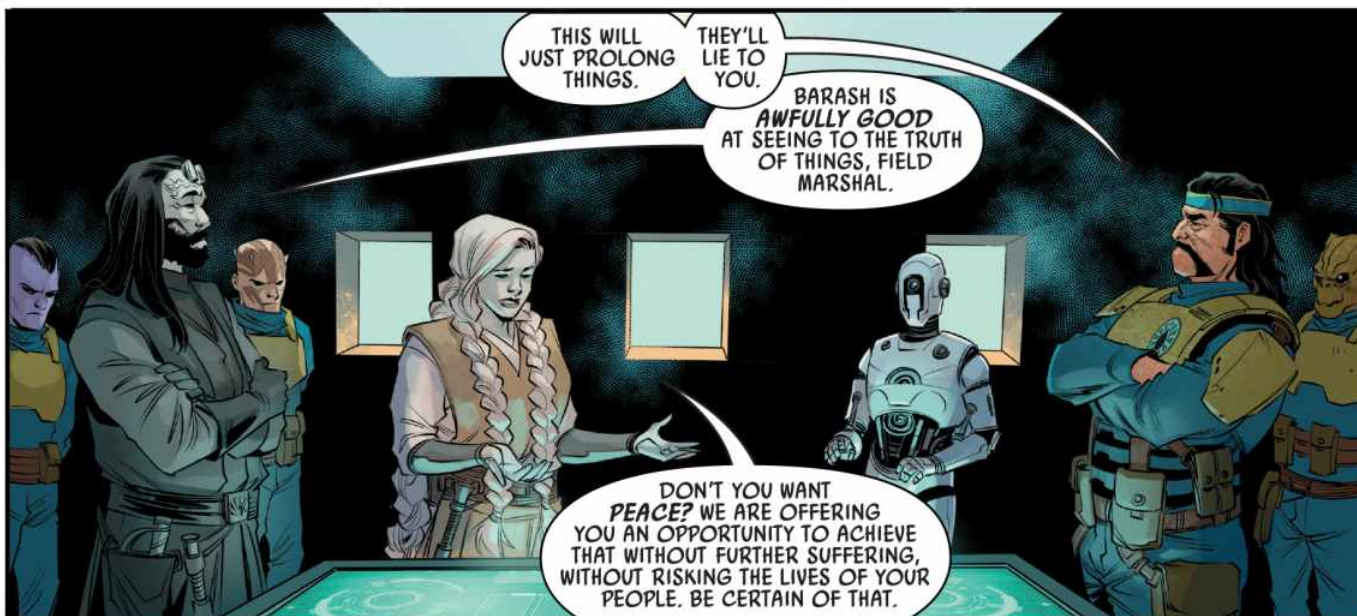


BECAUSE NO ONE SHOULD BE HUNGRY.

AND BECAUSE BARASH AND I WILL BE ABLE TO RESOLVE THIS DISPUTE IN A WAY PERHAPS NOT AVAILABLE TO YOU.

ALL WE CARE ABOUT IS JUSTICE.

WE'LL GO IN, WE'LL FIND IT AND WE'LL BRING IT TO *BOTH* SIDES.



THIS WILL JUST PROLONG THINGS.

THEY'LL LIE TO YOU.

BARASH IS *AWFULLY GOOD* AT SEEING TO THE TRUTH OF THINGS, FIELD MARSHAL.

DON'T YOU WANT *PEACE*? WE ARE OFFERING YOU AN OPPORTUNITY TO ACHIEVE THAT WITHOUT FURTHER SUFFERING, WITHOUT RISKING THE LIVES OF YOUR PEOPLE. BE CERTAIN OF THAT.



HNH.

WHATEVER YOU DECIDE, FIELD MARSHAL. YOU HAVE OUR SUPPORT.

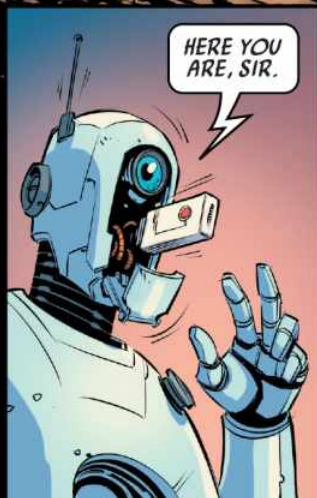


FINE, JEDI. GO. WORK YOUR *MAGIC*.



I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A CALL, SEVENS.

CERTAINLY, FIELD MARSHAL TOZEN.



HERE YOU ARE, SIR.



SPINNING YOU UP A SIGNAL-- WON'T TAKE BUT A MOMENT.

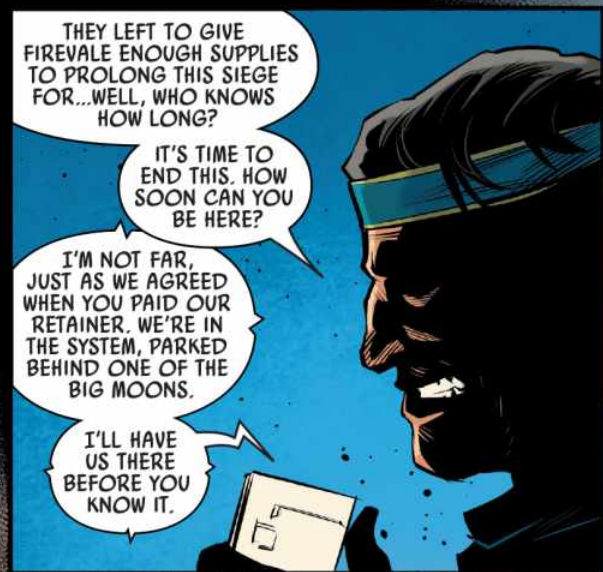
KK-KLACK-K-KLACK



FIELD MARSHAL! WONDERFUL TO HEAR FROM YOU. WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU?

THIS ALL JUST GOT MUCH MORE COMPLICATED. THE JEDI ARE HERE.

JEDI, EH? NOW THAT'S INTERESTING.



THEY LEFT TO GIVE FIREVALE ENOUGH SUPPLIES TO PROLONG THIS SIEGE FOR...WELL, WHO KNOWS HOW LONG?

IT'S TIME TO END THIS. HOW SOON CAN YOU BE HERE?

I'M NOT FAR, JUST AS WE AGREED WHEN YOU PAID OUR RETAINER. WE'RE IN THE SYSTEM, PARKED BEHIND ONE OF THE BIG MOONS.

I'LL HAVE US THERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT.



THANK YOU, SEVENS.

CERTAINLY, SIR. THANK YOU.

Firevale.

WE'RE
SAVED!

I DON'T
BELIEVE IT!

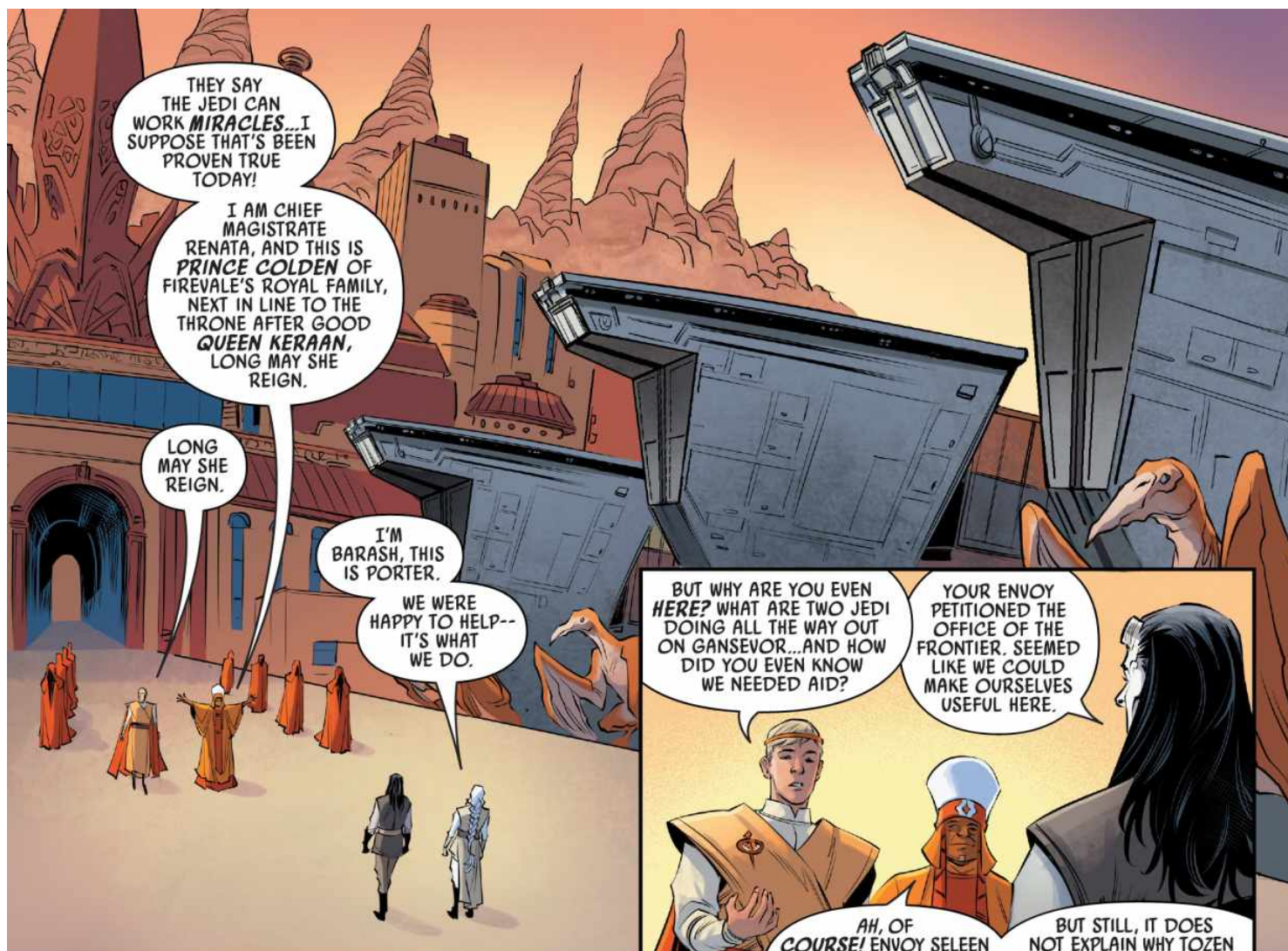
HOW DID
THEY GET PAST
THE SIEGE?

DOES IT
MATTER?

THESE
POOR PEOPLE
LOOK LIKE THEY'VE
BEEN LIVING ON
SCRAPS.

AGREED.
SIEGES
ARE UGLY
BUSINESS.

LET'S
END THIS AS
QUICKLY AS
WE CAN.



THEY SAY
THE JEDI CAN
WORK **MIRACLES**...I
SUPPOSE THAT'S BEEN
PROVEN TRUE
TODAY!

I AM CHIEF
MAGISTRATE
RENATA, AND THIS IS
PRINCE COLDEN OF
FIREVALE'S ROYAL FAMILY,
NEXT IN LINE TO THE
THRONE AFTER GOOD
QUEEN KERAAN,
LONG MAY SHE
REIGN.

LONG
MAY SHE
REIGN.

I'M
BARASH, THIS
IS PORTER.

WE WERE
HAPPY TO HELP--
IT'S WHAT
WE DO.

BUT WHY ARE YOU EVEN
HERE? WHAT ARE TWO JEDI
DOING ALL THE WAY OUT
ON GANSEVOR...AND HOW
DID YOU EVEN KNOW
WE NEEDED AID?

YOUR ENVOY
PETITIONED THE
OFFICE OF THE
FRONTIER. SEEMED
LIKE WE COULD
MAKE OURSELVES
USEFUL HERE.

AH, OF
COURSE! ENVOY SELEEN
IS DEEPLY RESOURCEFUL.
I KNEW SHE WOULD FIND
A WAY TO HELP US.

BUT STILL, IT DOES
NOT EXPLAIN WHY TOZEN
AND HIS FELLOW BETHUNIAN
AGGRESSORS ALLOWED
YOU THROUGH THAT **SIEGE**.

BECAUSE WE PROMISED HIM WE WOULD DO OUR BEST
TO RESOLVE THE SITUATION OF HIS CITY'S KIDNAPPED
PRINCESS WITHOUT BLOODSHED.

KIDNAPPED...
PRINCESS?

CAN YOU
POSSIBLY BE
REFERRING TO MY
WIFE? WHO FLED
BETHUNE AND CAME
TO FIREVALE
TO CLAIM
ASYLUM?

HUH.
HOW ABOUT
THAT?



"...I CAN'T
STAND THESE
GUYS."

ALL
RIGHT.

I BROUGHT
MY WARRIOR-
KIN, ALL MY
PRETTY SOLDIERS
TO THE PLANET
OF KNIVES, AS
REQUESTED.

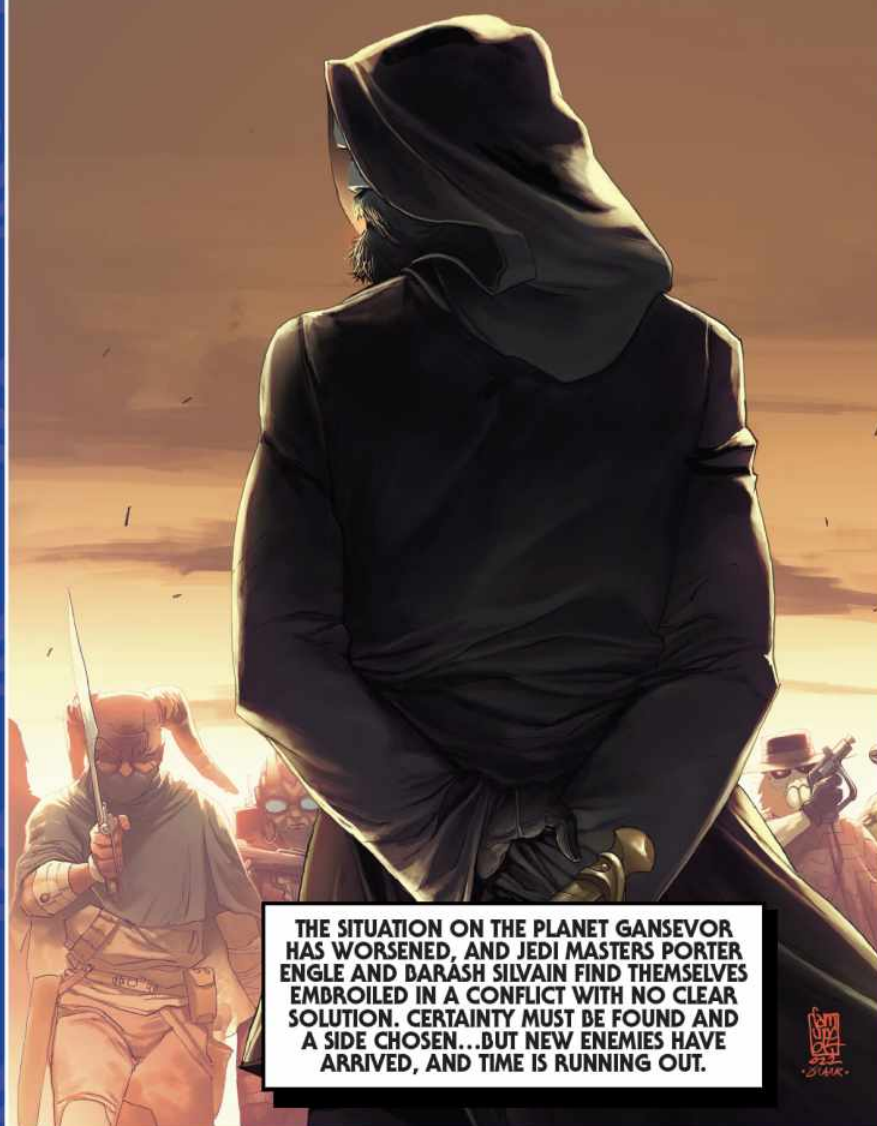
NOW I
JUST HAVE ONE
QUESTION.

WHO
AM I HERE
TO KILL?

To be

NEXT ISSUE!

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THE SITUATION ON THE PLANET GANSEVOR HAS WORSENERED, AND JEDI MASTERS PORTER ENGLE AND DARASH SILVAIN FIND THEMSELVES EMBROILED IN A CONFLICT WITH NO CLEAR SOLUTION. CERTAINTY MUST BE FOUND AND A SIDE CHOSEN...BUT NEW ENEMIES HAVE ARRIVED, AND TIME IS RUNNING OUT.



THE HIGH REPUBLIC #5

COMING SOON

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